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Changes in TennCare Medicaid August 1, 2005

Non-covered services

For **all** TennCare Medicaid **adults age 21 or older**, these services will **no longer** be covered:

- Medicine that can be purchased over the counter – (except for prenatal vitamins)
- Dental care of *any* kind
- Sitter services
- Convalescent care
- Payments to “hold” an unused bed in a nursing home while the member is in the hospital or out of the nursing home for any reason (beginning October 1, 2005, TennCare will pay for up to 10 days per year to “hold” a nursing home bed)
- Methadone clinic services to get or stay off drugs.
(This is also called methadone detox or maintenance services.)

Services with Limits

Pharmacy – A five prescription limit per month on prescription drugs and refills. Of the 5, only 2 can be for brand name drugs. That means at least 3 of the 5 must be for generic drugs.

There is also a \$3 co-pay for each brand name drug. But, there is **no** co-pay for generic drugs OR for:

- Birth control
- Hospice care medications
- Drugs for emergency situations
- Pregnancy-related medications.

Important: Children **under age 21** with TennCare Medicaid will continue to receive all care that is medically necessary including the care listed above that are non-covered for adults. They will also continue to have unlimited prescription drug coverage as medically necessary and will not have co-pays for their prescriptions.

Adults who **get long term care** that TennCare pays for will be affected by the elimination of the non-covered services listed above. However, they **will continue** to have unlimited prescription drug coverage as medically necessary and will not have co-pays for their prescriptions.

*Long-term care is personal and medical care in a nursing home, developmental center for persons with mental retardation (ICF-MR), or Home and community based services (HCBS) waiver program that TennCare pays for. TennCare Medicaid adults must qualify to receive TennCare reimbursed long-term care.

Go to <http://www.state.tn.us/tenncare/longtermcare.html> for more information.